

Robert Lemuel, David Thomas, and Cora Lavenia.

During the early years of their marriage, Ted and Lavenia moved several times in West Tennessee and North Mississippi, following his work in harvesting and milling timber. On 5 November 1924, Ted and Lavenia and their two sons moved to Hornsby. He was engaged in a timber business with J.A. Wardlow, later buying Wardlow's interest. He operated a planing mill until 1954. He was a major shipper of yellow pine lumber in the county in the 1930's and 40's. After retiring from the timber business, he farmed.

Ted was a member of Haltom's Chapel Methodist Church; a Master Mason; Mayor of Hornsby from 1929 until 1931; a magistrate for several years; a member of the Hardeman County Board of Education from June, 1937 through February, 1953.

Theodore A. DeBerry Sr. died 19 October 1959, and is buried in Haltom's Chapel Cemetery. Five of his children remained in Hardeman County.

Gordon William married Katherine Harvell and lives in Bolivar. They have two children. (1) Ronald William married Patricia Ann Quinn. They live at Springfield, Tennessee. They have a son, William Robert. (2) Deborah Manon married Joseph Anderson. They and their two sons, Joseph Richard and John Paul, live in Bolivar.

T.A. Jr. married Melrose Russom. T.A. Jr. died 21 December 1975. He is buried in Haltom's Chapel Cemetery. They have three children. Theodore Russell married Becky Tacker. They have Christy Lynn and make their home near Hornsby. Martha Sue married Richard Schendlbeck. They and their two daughters Lisa Marie and Laura live in Aurora, Illinois. Jerry Ray married Nancy Dowell. They have Erin Marie and live in San Diego, California.

George Dorris married Jean Young of Toone. They have Gregory and Dawn, and live in Montgomery, Alabama.

Robert Lemuel married Marlene Ervin. Their children are Robert William and Denise. They live in Hornsby.

David Thomas married Rebecca Hopkins. Their children are Sharon Lynn, Sheila Anne and David Keith. Their home is in Germantown, Tennessee.

Cora Lavenia married Jesse Raines Lake. They live in Hickory Valley and have four children. Mary Anne married Joe Elliott, son, Lake; Catherine Lynne; Susan Tamlin; Richard Barry and his wife Donnis Hammons Lake live in Hickory Valley. — *By Cora DeBerry Lake*

LAFAYETTE AND EVA DEEN

Willis Lafayette Deen and Eva Lucille Webb were married 20 July 1902 in the home of her cousin, Homer Cornelius.



Willis Lafayette Deen, Lucille Deen, Eva Webb Deen, Webb Lowery Deen, Sybil Gray Deen

He was a farmer and in later life a retail merchant.

She was the daughter of James Robert and Tennessee Clemmentine Wright Yopp Webb who lived in Whiteville over fifty years.

They had four children:

Faye Lucille (1903); married a druggist, Freeman Hopper of Memphis; later came to Whiteville and operated a pharmacy nearly twenty-five years.

Webb Lowery Deen (22 February 1908-23 July 1973) attended University of Tennessee Martin; operated a gin, a general store for many years and was a landowner. He was a Mason, an active member of the First Baptist Church, and interested and cooperative in every civic improvement. Webb Deen married Virginia Culp of Martin, Tennessee, in 1928. They have Marilyn, who married Bob Penix of Tuckerman, Arkansas. They have two children: Mary Forrest and Robert Deen Penix.

Sybil Gray Deen (5 July 1910), graduated from George Peabody College and married Leon Smith of Huntsville, Alabama, 18 June 1942. She taught in public schools of Huntsville until retirement.

Mary Evelyn Deen (18 January 1915-14 April 1938) married Clinton Bosley (21 January 1915-April 1940) at home in Whiteville 3 September 1936. They lived in Alton, Illinois. Their son, Errol Deen Bosley (26 November 1937) is the minister of the First Baptist Church in Centralia, Illinois. He married Charlene Bonner of East Alton, Illinois. They have three children. He is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky.

Thomas Jefferson Deen, the father of Lafayette, (9 February 1852) spent most of his life near Middleton. He was a farmer. He married Mary Jane Godwin of Blue Mountain, Mississippi. She was born 13 December 1857 and died 5 May 1936. They spent the last few years with a son, Tommy Lee Deen, near Whiteville and both are buried at Melrose Cemetery. They had seven children. Ella — married Jess Tisdale; Allie — married Jim Tisdale; Willis Lafayette — married Eva Webb; Leona — married Harvey Crawford; Ayers — married Earle Williams; Tommy Lee — married Irma Williams; Tony — married Elma Foster — *By Lucille Deen Hopper*

FISHER AND ELIZABETH DEMING

The pioneer ancestor of the Hardeman County Deming family was Fisher A. Deming born 9 October 1789 in Southington, Connecticut to Selah (1762-1805) and Lovina Curtiss Deming. Selah served in the Revolutionary War. Fisher A. married Elizabeth Alston Jones, daughter of James and Rebecca Kirby Jones 6 October 1818 in Chatham County, North Carolina. They migrated to Hardeman County in 1839 and settled in the northern part of the county. Fisher died 19 September 1844. Their children were Sarah Merrick; James Winchester (paragraph below); Charles Wesley married Harriet Ruffin; Wiley Jones married Harriet Jones; Henry Alden married first, Nancy Savage, second, Fannie Fawcett Hornsby, third, Mattie Richerson.

Winchester Deming born 11 December 1823 in Chatham County, North Carolina and died 28 October 1902 in Hardeman County. He married first, (23 December 1845) Nancy Jones, daughter of Thornton and Nancy McKerley Jones. Nancy (13 June 1830-20 June 1859). Winchester married second, (3 February 1860) Mary Catherine Bradford, (15 November 1841) daughter of William and Matilda Wiley Bradford. He served as sheriff of Hardeman County from 6 October 1856-2 January 1860; as a Justice of the Peace and a Tax Collector. His estate was decimated during the Civil War. He presided at the dedication ceremony for the memorial to the Confederate soldiers of the county erected on the courthouse lawn. Among those soldiers were his brother, Wiley Jones of the 22nd. Tennessee Volunteer Regiment; Henry Alden of Cheatham's Division and his son, Madison Monroe serving in the 18th. Tennessee Cavalry with General Nathan Bedford Forrest. They had the following children: Madison Monroe* (October 1846-February 1936); William Thornton (25 January 1849) married Duance Rook;* Sarah Caroline (25 December 1850-1 April 1872); Columbus Fisher (17 August 1852-23 December 1870); James Henry (14 May 1854); Oiva (1 January 1856-17 September 1871); Nancy Agnes (8 November 1858).

Winchester and Mary had eight children. Charles Winches-

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ter (13 January 1861); Matilda Elizabeth (13 December 1863); John Wiley (22 February 1865); Mary Laura (25 May 1866); Elizabeth Hardeman (14 May 1871); Charles Nelson (14 December 1872); Virginia Duanee (6 May 1876); Martha Cleopatra (18 August 1881).

James Winchester Deming is buried in Deming Cemetery at Cypress Tank near Ramer, Tennessee. Nancy Jones Deming is buried in Deming-Rainey Cemetery. Mary Bradford Deming is buried in Deming Cemetery, Ramer, Tennessee. — *By Sylvia Harris, Charles Deming and Arnold R. Deming*



Madison Monroe Deming Family

MADISON AND SUSAN DEMING

Madison Monroe Deming was born 4 October 1846 to James Winchester* and Nancy Jones Deming in Hardeman County. He married 3 November 1865, to Susan Frances Naylor, daughter of George and Martha Dose Barrett Naylor (16 August 1847). He died February 1936.

Monroe was a farmer and was Justice of the Peace for twelve years. He served in the Confederate Army in the 18th Tennessee Cavalry under Gen. Bedford Forrest, wounded in Battle of Johnsonville 18 November 1864, captured in Battle of Memphis, but was released due to young age. He re-enlisted and served for the remainder of the war under Gen. Forrest. The story is told that he had a new Confederate cap when captured at Memphis. His captors took his new cap and gave him an old one which made him so mad, he decided to re-enlist when released.

He donated the land for a church on the western edge of Chickasaw State Park, two miles south of Highway 100. It was called Antioch Church of Christ. He served as an elder and preacher of the church before it was moved to the Hearn Community in 1916.

Madison Monroe and Susan Deming are buried in the Antioch Cemetery near the old church location where he sat in the "Amen Corner" each Sunday Morning.

They had nine children: James Andrew (30 March 1867) married Satirra Jane Kerr; George William (27 July 1869) married; Martha Ada (17 November 1872) married H.C. Murley; Veronia Clinton (28 October 1874) married John Warden Harris, Sr.; Sarah Ellen (19 October 1875) married C.M. Murdaugh; Jackson Monroe (6 March 1882) married Amanda Richardson; Nancy Eliza (26 August 1883) married Farmer Hearn; Charles Winchester (26 July 1886) married Susie Freeman; Bedford Forrest (25 July 1891) married Mada Milton. — *By Sylvia Harris*

ROBERT AND ELIZABETH DEMING

Robert Lee Deming born 25 August 1885 to William Thornton and Duanee Rook Deming, spent his life in Hardeman County engaged in the lumber business. On 21 March 1912 married Elizabeth McWilliams (7 September 1879-19 June 1957) daughter of Joseph C. and Sarah Jane Sneed McWilliams of Saulsbury. He died at his home in Bolivar 9 November 1964. They are buried in Union Cemetery, Bolivar.

They were parents of five children. Robert Cornelius (25

January 1913) married Olive Virginia Ford. Their children were Robert Stephen, Hazel Virginia, James Edward, Jefferson Ford, Carolyn Rose, Phillip Michael.

Winfred Hershell (20 November 1915-23 March 1969) married Jessie Jewell Howell of Rogersville, Alabama. He was a lifelong Hardemanian where he was a plumber and electrician. Their children were Thomas Howell manages Woodlawn Plantation in LaGrange; Floye Diane Woods, postmaster of Hickory Valley.

William Ellis (14 June 1917) married Frances Jennette Haralson of Hickory Valley. He is employed at Armira. Their children are (1) Charles Ellis and (2) David Earl; both are employed by Harman International Industries; (3) Anna Claudette married Jerry Alan Ross, they live in Jackson.

(4) Sarah Virginia (24 March 1919) married Herman Howard Sipes of Selmer. Their children are Robert Howard, an electrical contractor, and Elizabeth Melinda. Mary Frances is a dental assistant.

Billy Joe (June 1928-September 1928). — *By Charles E. Deming*

BOYETTE AND MARY DENTON

Mary Elizabeth Williams (17 March 1912) and Harry Boyette Denton (1 September 1910-9 March 1972) were married 11 October 1931. Boyette was the son of Harry Dewell (31 July 1877-31 December 1918) and Beulah Long Denton (2 November 1884-9 September 1957); both native Hardeman Countians, and the grandson of Harvell Denton, a Texan who moved to Hardeman County in the early 1870's and married Ellen Stallings, and of Jaspen and Alice Whiteside Long who came to this county from Gastonia, North Carolina. Mary's parents were Thomas Morris (26 November 1873-23 November 1963) and Harriett Elizabeth Derryberry Williams (8 December 1873-19 June 1928). Her grandparents Thomas Rackman and Mary Etta Moyer Williams who moved from